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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING FEMALE FERTILITY

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

- 54 pages of specification and claims (including 10 numbered claims), and
2 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 2.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/309,472, filed 03 August 2001, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☒ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/485,640, filed 03 February 2004, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to SIGMA-TAU INDUSTRIE FARMACEUTICHE RIUNITE S.p.A., Rome, Italy.

☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Sequence Listing (9 pages); Sequence Listing Request

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